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UPLIFTMENT OF TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated special schemes for the upliftment of most backward communities amongst tribals i.e. the Primitive Tribal Group and Indigenous Tribal groups;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Non-Governmental Organisations to which assistance was provided for their upliftment during the last three years;

(d) the amount sanctioned for NGOs during the current year budget; and

(e) the manner in which funds were utilized by these organizations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI F.S. KULASTE)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have launched a special scheme in the year 1998-99 to ensure the upliftment of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs).

The scheme is implemented through State Governments and NGOs. Anyprogramme for their upliftment can be taken up under this scheme.

(c) Assistance was provided to 13 NGOs during 2000-01, 21 NGOs during 2001-02 and 15NGOs during 2002-03for the development of PTGs.

(d) Rs. 6 crores have been allocated for NGOs during current year 2003-04.

(e) The funds were utilized by the organizations for a number of programmes such as mobile dispensaries, construction of hostels for PTG children, hospitals and Handloom andWeaving training centers, setting up Residential and Non-Residential Schools, vocational training for skill development in the fields of carpentary, forest produce, garment, handicraft etc., health and educational awareness programme, culture and sports, solar electrification and mushroom and bamboo cultivation.